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Dowie has organized a band in Zion City, and it is going to give concerts. We predict trouble for Dowie.

We note that the next boxing contest is to be pulled off at Murray. Our smaller neighbor to the south has our condolence.

A convention of doctors has declared that more cases of tuberculosis should be cured. A judgment in which every one concurs.

Salt Lake's baseball team opens the season in Spokane today. Here's luck. Truth would like to hold its forms until the score is in, but is unable to do so. However we will bet a cookie the Elders get the first game.

Whatever else may be the result, we are assured by the wordy war being carried on, that all three of the city dailies claim to have a circulation.

A sergeant of the Russian army, who tortured prisoners with fire has been sentenced to three years imprisonment. Russia must be improving. Time was when he would have been decorated.

President Castro declares if the necessity comes he will challenge fate. One Weyler made a similar declaration down in Cuba one time and before his government got through with the job fate had her all to the bad.

Our own grave and reverend Salt Lake Herald sagely remarks that "it is hardly necessary" for Lord Nelson to fly the signal: "England expects every man to do his duty." What a wonderful help the editor of the Herald would have been to the great admiral. The editor was born a century too late.

EX-SENATOR CANNON, EDITOR OF THE TRIBUNE, WENT EAST MONDAY EVENING FOR A MUCH NEEDED REST. IT IS GIVEN OUT THAT HE HAS GONE FOR A MONTH'S VACATION. THAT'S THE STORY THAT WAS GIVEN OUT WHEN PERRY HEATH VAMOOSSED THE FACT IS FRANK CANNOT STAND THE FIRE OF TRUTH, AND, LIKE KUROPATKIN, IS MAKING "A MASTERLY RETREAT."

There are said to be nineteen members of a "woman hating" society in this city. We presume the boys have a grudge against their mothers for bringing them into the world and they should have. When a fellow gets to be a "woman hater" the best association to join is one where each person on the rolls is compelled to kick himself a few hours each day. We haven't the names of this gaudy crowd but as soon as we can get them will print 'em.

So Old Man Joe Jefferson was really sent for after all. We are sorry, for when Truth went to press last week the reports were to the effect that he was getting better and we all hoped he would recover to stay with us a few years longer at any rate. But it was not to be. He had lived six years more than the allotted "three score and ten" and Death claimed him. He was a great old actor, was Jefferson. He was the real Rip Van Winkle and no doubt Irving meant Jefferson when he created the character, although he did not know him at the time. It seems to all of us who have read Irving and listened to Jefferson's interpretation of the character that the story fitted the actor, while the actor was especially created for the story.

Jefferson was a success in other plays, but he seemed to be more at home in his depictions of the easy going, devil-may-care vagabond, Rip Van Winkle than in any of the balance.

He was not only a success in that line, but in others. He was a good

old man. He told a story on himself that indicates his goodness. He was out walking with a granddaughter and she wanted him to run. "Run, Granpa, run," she pleaded. Jefferson was obdurate. Whereupon the little miss dropped on her knees and appealing to heaven, said: "Oh God, please make granpa run." Jefferson at once started in running. He explained that he would have run until he dropped from exhaustion sooner than have that little one lose her faith in God.

He was a clever fisherman and knew the readings of the brooks and the language written on the face of the waves of the sea. He could angle for the wary brook trout of eastern waters, or handle the big tarpon of the southern seas. He was found of all those things that Nature shows us when we ask her and it was his familiarity with the animate and inanimate things of creation that made him the man he was. He knew the notes of the birds, the cries of the animals and the whispers of the zephyrs by heart.

Close to the things he loved on the shores of the bay where he has passed so many happy hours communing with the great mother they have laid the old man to rest. Over his grave will bloom the bright blossoms of summer and round his resting place will swirl the alabaster flakes in winter weaving for him a shroud. Until the summons that shall call together the quick and the dead will the old body sleep, while the spirit lives in a better clime than this. All the loving wishes; the fond regrets of his friends go with him past the portal that opened for him a few days since, for the troubled breast of many a man and woman has been soothed by his words and care has been banished from many a heart as the listener sat and watched Jefferson as he acted his part, or sincerely gave good advice and comfort in the privacy of home life.

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## CHARLEY TOWNSEND DEAD.

Charley Townsend, who for over thirty years sold whiskey to dealers in behalf of a Louisville house, is dead. At the age of 58 he passed away in Omaha a week ago yesterday as the result of an operation for appendicitis. The body was taken to Saginaw, Michigan, for burial accompanied by members of the order of Elks.

Townsend was a genial, good natured man, well known everywhere in the west. He was one of the best judges of whiskey who ever lived and yet he never drank a drop of it. His test was that of the nose. As a result he was one of the best salesmen that ever came down the pike.

He was a whole hearted man too, and his many little acts of kindness to distressed humanity as he travelled around would fill a volume as big as a dictionary. Charlie never boasted of them either, just gave money and aid without any fuss. He will be regretted by all who ever had anything to do with him, for he was square, honest, loyal and loving and lots of worse people than he have died and been followed to the grave by mourning hundreds.

## WANTS \$3,000 FOR HIS VOTE.

Truth for many months has maintained that the present city administration is strongly tainted with dishonesty as well as absolutely incompetent. Many things have occurred which strongly maintain the theory of dishonesty. The latest is a well authenticated report that a certain member of the city council is trying to "make a turn" out of the present situation in regard to the proposed new franchise for the Utah Light and Railway company. The report is to the effect that the councilman in question has offered to sell his vote upon the franchise matter for the sum of \$3,000. A strong argument against the veracity of the story, however, is that the councilman referred to is a "cheap guy" and that \$300 would be nearer the price he would put upon himself than \$3,000.

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